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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

An adaptive information compression system comprising:
 means for evaluating segments of a radio frequency signal to determine
 which segments are active, each segment representing a specific channel at a
 specific frequency;

means, responsive to said means for evaluating, for reformatting the active segments into a contiguous order in a signal with a lower bandwidth than said radio frequency signal.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said means for evaluating comprises:

means for calculating a power value for each of said segments; and means for comparing the power of each of said segments to a predetermined threshold value.

- The system of claim 1, further comprising:
   means for recreating said radio frequency signal by modulating each of
  said active segments on their respective specific frequencies.
- 4. A method for adaptive information compression comprising:
  evaluating segments of a radio frequency signal to determine which
  segments are active, each segment representing a specific channel at a specific
  frequency; and

based on said evaluating, reformatting the active segments into a contiguous order in a signal with a lower bandwidth than said radio frequency signal.

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value.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said step of reformatting further comprises:

calculating a power value for each of said segments; and comparing the power of each of said segments to a predetermined threshold

6. The method of claim 4, further comprising: recreating said radio frequency signal by modulating each of said active segments on their respective specific frequencies.